

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/IB2004/000563** filed **27 February 2004** which designated the U.S. and claims benefit of **IT TO2003A000166**, dated **6 March 2003**, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please add the following new paragraphs on page 4, after line 27:

According to US-A-4,196,368, the efficiency of a light bulb can be improved by modifying the surface micro-structure of an incandescent filament, so as to increase emissivity in the visible region of the spectrum and/or suppress the emission of energy outside the visible region of the spectrum; a similar solution is also disclosed by DE-A-198 45 423.

Another way suggested in US-A-4,196,368 for improving efficiency is to coat the filament with a thin refractory material, to suppress filament evaporation. Similarly, in order to prevent or reduce blackening of a lamp envelope due to evaporation of material from the filament of an incandescent lamp, GB-A-2 032 173 suggests coating the filament with a refractory or ceramic material.